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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, CO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPECIAL COFFEE COUNCIL MEETING

REF: STATE 010493, BOGOTA 513

1. FOLLOWING UP DISCUSSIONS OF JANUARY 14, DRAWING ON  
INFORAMTION IN STATE 010493, AGATT AND EC/XOM COUNSELOR ON  
JANUARY 18 AGAIN CALLED ON MANAGER OF COLOMBIAN

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COFFEE FEDERATION, ARTURO GOMEZ JARAMILLO. GOMEX JARAMILLO

EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG VIEWS ON SPECIAL COFFEE

COUNCIL MEETING WHICH, HE POINTED OUT, ARE NOT

ENTIRELY INCONSISTENT WITH HIS OWN.

2. IN GOMEZ' OPINION, THE BEST APPROACH TO THE PRICE  
STABILIZATION QUESTION MIGHT BE TO FORM A SMALL WORK-

ING GROUP WHICH WOULD STUDY THE MATTER AND REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT A LATER DATE. IF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON SOME KIND OF PRICE STABILIZATION FORMULA, EXECUTIVE BOARD OF COUNCIL APPROVAL WOULD BE ALMOST PRO FORMA, THUS MINIMIZING THE RISKS OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH COULD LEAD TO FURTHER PRICE INCREASES. WHEN QUERIED ON SPECIFIC MEASURES, GOMEZ REPLIED THAT ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE THE IMPOSITION NOW OF THE PRICING MECHANISMS CONTAINED IN THE ICA. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF THE PRODUCERS TO WORK TOWARDS A LESSENING OF THE PRICE SPIRAL WOULD HAVE TO BE RECIPROCATED BY THE CONSUMERS IN THE FORM OF A LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO AVOIDING A DRAMATIC DROP IN COFFEE PRICES. GOMEZ ADDED THAT THE WORLD SUPPLY SITUATION MAY REALLY BE WORSE THAN CURRENT ESTIMATES IN THAT THE FIGURE FOR CARRY OVER STOCKS PROBABLY REFLECTS SOME DOUBLE COUNTING -- COFFEE THAT HAS BEEN HARVESTED LATE IN THE PREVIOUS CROP YEAR BUT WHICH IS ALSO INCLUDED IN PROJECTED PRODUCTION FOR THE CURRENT CROP YEAR.

3. GOMEZ GUESSED THAT THE MEXICANS AND COSTA RICANS WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE WORKING GROUP APPROACH AND, EVENTUALLY, THE BRAZILIANS ALSO. HE IS LESS SURE OF COOPERATION FROM THE AFRICANS SINCE, IN HIS OPINION, ANGOLA AND UGANDA FEEL THEY HAVE LITTLE TO LOSE FROM A CONTINUING INCREASE IN COFFEE PRICES.

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